



THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ABU DHABI

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

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Our Values



Our Promises

Create Your Future

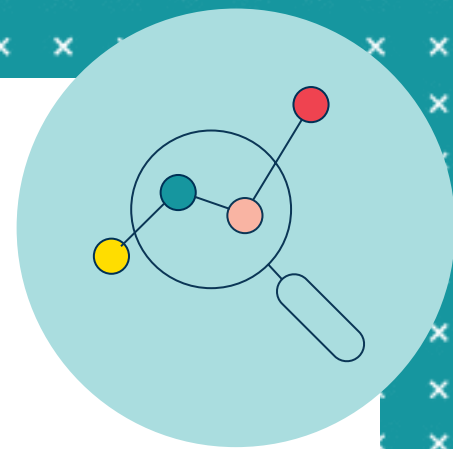
Your child will leave our school with everything they need for success - whatever they choose to be or do in life.

Nurturing Global Citizens

Community is at the heart of our school. In our welcoming, inclusive, and multicultural environment, students are empowered through the best of British and international curricula to develop the skills, confidence, and global outlook they need to succeed in today's interconnected world.

Unlock Your Child's Potential

Our highly qualified and passionate teachers know your child and personalise the learning experience to reflect their strengths and interests, guiding them towards their goals and preparing them to achieve and thrive in the next stage of life.





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It was my first DofE trip ever; and I had so much fun! I learnt a lot of useful things and also gained skills of working in a team. It was amazing and (even though it was tiring), I can't wait to do it all again!

BIS Abu Dhabi Year 9 student,
DofE Bronze Award

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At The British International School Abu Dhabi, we believe that education extends far beyond the classroom walls. Our transformative programmes, collaborations and experiences nurture our students' talents, unlock their potential and inspire them to go further than they ever thought possible.

We offer our students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of residential school trips – both within the UAE and beyond – where they can explore new cultures, learn new languages, and broaden their horizons. We understand that as a parent, you want your child to have the best possible education and life experiences, a chance to dig deeper within themselves, to find resilience and develop their leadership capability. A residential school trip can provide just that.

When traveling abroad and immersing themselves in a foreign culture, students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world around them. They gain valuable communication and problem-solving skills, as well as a sense of independence and confidence.

Our trips aim to offer action-packed experiences, that will challenge and inspire students of all ages. From hiking and rock

climbing to rafting and skiing, we provide a wide range of exciting activities that will get students out of their comfort zones and into the great outdoors. Experienced instructors will lead students and teach them essential outdoor skills. Along the way, students will learn about the environment and the importance of conservation, gaining a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Our residential school trips are carefully planned to ensure that students have a safe and enjoyable experience. We work with reputable travel companies and local guides to provide a comprehensive itinerary that balances educational and cultural experiences with fun and relaxation.

We believe that a foreign school trip is an investment in your child's future and we offer a range of destinations across Europe, Asia and Africa. It can inspire them to pursue new interests and passions whilst also developing the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly globalised world. We encourage you to consider this opportunity for your child and look forward to answering any questions you may have.





LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Education is about much more than lessons and qualifications, important though they are. We offer our students experiences designed to be fun, challenging, inspiring, and motivating.

BOOKING PROCESS

Open this [Jotform link](#) and complete your child's details for their preferred trip(s).

Upon receipt of your declaration of interest, you will receive a notification confirming your child's conditional place.

At the start of the new academic year, invoices will be sent out requesting a deposit for your child's selected trip(s). Once the deposit has been paid, your child's place will be secured for the trip. It's important to note that these deposits serve to secure airline tickets and, in some instances, facilitate early bird discounts with third-party providers.

Upon confirmation of your child's place, the trip leader will contact you with comprehensive trip details and instructions regarding the payment of the remaining balance.

Please be advised that refunds are not permitted once deposits have been paid.



Y7 AL AIN ADVENTURE TRIP

At the base of Jebel Hafeet, Al Ain Adventure is a world-class adventure hotspot. A first of its kind in the Middle East, this venue boasts a large wave pool, white water rapids and many more exciting activities!

- World-class adventure hub
- Chalet accommodation at the neighbouring Green Mubuzzarah Hotel
- 7 students per chalet, 2 bathrooms in each
- Child friendly buffet available, all dietary requirements catered for
- Three artificial white-water rivers
- Large wave pool
- White Water Rafting
- Bodyboarding
- Airpark & Zipline
- Giant Swing & Kayaking

YEAR
7



Y8 KHORFAKKAN ADVENTURE CAMP

Students enjoy a luxurious beachside resort with views over the golden sands of Khorfakkan and an azure blue sea. Look out for turtles bobbing out of the water and the occasional ray while on our Watersport sessions here.

- 4 star coastal resort
- 2/3 students per room
- Child friendly buffet, all dietary requirements catered for
- Exclusive areas of accommodation, catering and recreation
- Kayaking
- Raft Building
- Snorkelling
- Beach Games
- Al Rafisah Dam Hike

**YEAR
8**





*The ski trip was the best!
It was my first time away from
my family, but I had the best
time skiing with my friends.*

BIS Abu Dhabi
Year 9 Student

LES ELFES SKI TRIP, SWITZERLAND

Les Elfes is one of the most prestigious organisers of Winter Sports Holidays in the world offering a lively and enthusiastic approach to skiing and snowboarding in the stunning Swiss Alps. Whether a total beginner or an aspiring off-piste skier, all abilities are catered for.

Alongside a full-day of ski or snowboard lessons, Les Elfes offers a full program of Apres-ski and evening activities with students able to choose from a range of activities including sledging, torchlight hike, ice-skating and much more.



**YEAR
7 - 9**



MADRID, SPAIN

A Fusion of Music & Language

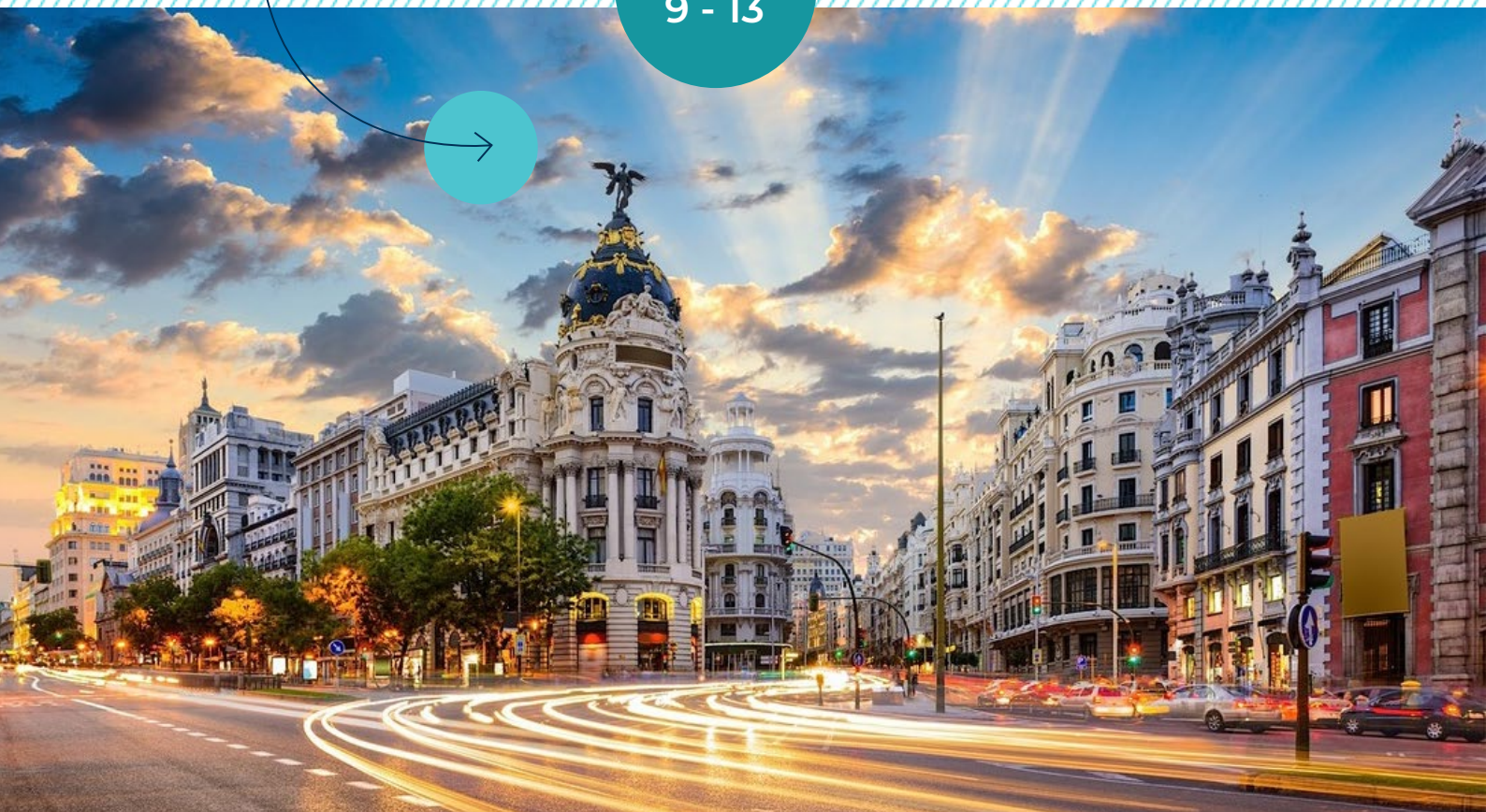
Step into the heart of Spain with a vibrant trip to Madrid that blends language immersion with live music appreciation. Explore the sights and sounds of the city through flamenco performances, historical landmarks, local concerts, and cultural experiences that bring Spanish language and music to life.

Whether you're studying Music or Modern Foreign Languages as a qualification, or simply passionate about Spanish culture and live music, this trip offers something for everyone - from hands-on cultural experiences to hearing music in its most authentic form.

A unique chance to build your confidence, broaden your horizons, and connect classroom learning to real-world experiences in one of Europe's most inspiring cities.



YEAR
9 - 13



MAKKAH, SAUDI ARABIA

Students embark on a life-changing spiritual journey to Makkah and Madinah, performing the blessed Umrah rituals and visiting key Islamic sites. Highlights include the Holy Kaaba, the Prophet's Mosque and grave (peace be upon him), Jabal al-Noor, Mount Thawr, Arafat, Mina, Muzdalifah, Quba Mosque, and Mount Uhud.

Accommodation & Travel

- 5-star hotel next to the Haram
- Triple rooms with direct teacher supervision
- Child-friendly meals (all dietary needs met)
- Private air-conditioned coach for local travel

This trip blends spiritual practice with immersive learning. Students will:

- Perform Umrah after guided prep
- Deepen their Islamic identity and historical knowledge
- Reflect on the Prophet's life (peace be upon him)
- Build confidence, teamwork, and independence

**YEAR
10 - 12**





The Duke of
Endinburgh Award
Adventurous Journey is a
life-changing experience.
An opportunity to discover
new interests and talents.
A tool to develop essential
skills for life and work.
A recognised mark of
achievement; respected
by employers.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD, ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a prestigious programme that aims to equip young people with essential life skills and experiences. One of the most exciting components of the award is the adventurous journey, which involves a multi-day outdoor expedition that tests participants' resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.

For this year's school trips, students will embark on a thrilling practice and qualifying Duke of Edinburgh's Award adventurous journey, where they will be challenged both physically and mentally.

The bronze and silver expeditions will take place in the stunning mountains or deserts of the UAE, where students will have the opportunity to explore the beauty of nature while putting their outdoor skills to the test. Over the course of the expeditions, students will have to face a variety of challenges, from steep climbs to desert crossings. They will need to work together to overcome obstacles and reach their destination. Throughout the journey, they will also have to demonstrate their navigation skills and make decisions based on changing weather conditions and terrain.

For students continuing to the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, an extraordinary opportunity awaits: a two-week expedition to the rainforests of Borneo. From navigating dense jungle terrain and building camps to collaborating with a local tribe on a meaningful community project, this journey is the ultimate test of resilience, leadership, and global citizenship. With activities ranging from white-water rafting to coral reef exploration, the Gold expedition offers not only adventure but a chance to make a lasting impact, both personally and in the wider world.



In addition to the physical challenges, students will also have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences and develop important life skills. They will learn the value of teamwork, communication, and resilience in challenging situations. They will also develop their problem-solving abilities as they work together to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

Overall, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award adventurous journeys are unforgettable experiences that offer students the opportunity to grow both personally and academically. They provide a unique chance to explore the outdoors, challenge oneself, and develop important life skills that will serve them well in the future.

Please note - These activities are only applicable to students who have enrolled in the DofE International Award programme.

Email dofeia@bisad.ae for more information.

Y10 SERVICE EXPEDITION, TANZANIA

Working alongside one of our partner charities in Tanzania, our students will engage in highly rewarding programmes of sustainable service work, to improve the health and long-term prospects of children and their families in the region.

This year will see students work with multiple project partners across the same site; our main project will be providing new educational facilities with Seeway Tanzania, whilst additional projects could include engaging with Umoja to provide sports coaching and facilities for the school, or with ECHO in developing sustainable agriculture areas around the school to provide much needed healthy meals for the pupils and teachers.

Students build confidence, independence and leadership skills. They work as part of a team to manage their own time and develop resilience, persistence and resourcefulness. They also develop a real sense of international mindedness.

Before and after the week-long experience, students engage on the Global Campus online platform, where they fundraise and prepare for the trip.

The trip includes a two-day educational safari through the Tarangire National Park, identifying and learning about some of the regions diverse flora and fauna.

The Tanzania expedition is a fantastic opportunity to experience not only the culture and challenges faced in Tanzania, but also to meet fellow Nord Anglia students from around the world and build lifelong friendships.



YEAR
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ICELAND - DISCOVER THE WORLD

Join us on an unforgettable journey to Iceland, where you'll immerse yourself in the stunning natural wonders of this unique country. Our school trip is designed to provide an up-close and personal experience of Iceland's geography and culture, from its bubbling hot springs to its towering glaciers, and from its vibrant capital city to its cherished local traditions.

You'll explore the famous Golden Circle route, including stops at the geothermal area of Geysir, the majestic Gullfoss waterfall, and Thingvellir National Park, where you can witness the geological rift between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. We'll also visit Iceland's south coast, offering opportunities to hike on a glacier and marvel at black sand beaches, towering cliffs, and rugged coastlines. No trip to Iceland would be complete without a dip in the renowned Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa celebrated for its healing properties.

Throughout the trip, you'll learn about Iceland's unique geological features, history, and culture. Our expert guides will ensure you gain a deep appreciation for this incredible country and its natural wonders. The trip also aligns with sustainable development goals, exploring themes like "Life on Land," "Sustainable Cities and Communities," and "Affordable and Clean Energy." Additionally, there are connections to the Geography IB Curriculum.

Please note: Participation in this trip is open to all students in Years 11, 12 and 13, regardless of whether they are studying IGCSE or IB Geography. The experience is designed to be enriching and enjoyable for everyone, offering insights into Iceland's natural beauty and sustainability practices.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Iceland on this unforgettable school trip.



YEAR
11-13



COST AND DATES

Trip Title	Year Group	Approx. Cost	Proposed Date
Al Ain Adventure Trip	7	AED 1021	11th-12th December (1 night)
Khorfakkan Adventure Camp	8	AED 1730	11th - 13th December (2 nights)
Les Elfes Ski Trip, Switzerland	7 - 9	AED 12,500	22nd - 29th March (7 nights)
Madrid, Spain	9 - 13	AED 10,000	28th November - 3rd December (5 nights)
Umrah Trip Makkah, Saudi Arabia	10 - 12	AED 6000	11th - 16th December (5 nights)
Service Expedition, Tanzania	10	AED 5500 (excl. flights)	30th March - 6th April (7 nights)
Iceland	11 - 13	AED 15,000	26th - 30th June (5 nights)

The Duke of Edinburgh Award - Adventurous Journey

Trip Title	Year Group	Approx Cost	Proposed Date
Bronze Practice	9	AED 1000 - 1300 (For overall Bronze programme. Includes: 2 x AJ's, North Star costs, DofE costs.)	3rd - 4th November (1 night)
Bronze Qualifying	9		6th - 7th January (1 night)
Silver Practice	10-11	AED 1100 - 1300 (For overall Silver programme. Includes: 2 x AJ's, North Star costs, DofE costs.)	25th - 28th November (2 nights)
Silver Qualifying	10-11		12th - 14th January (2 nights)
Gold Practice	12	AED 15,000 - 16,000 (For overall Gold programme. Includes: AJ costs, DofE costs, flights to Borneo, insurance, Borneo activities and hotel costs.)	29th - 31st January (2 nights)
Gold Qualifying	12		25th June - 7th July (14 nights)

Note: All DofE information will be shared with students and parents in the new academic year.



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